

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get what is in their interest and not what is in the interests of the citizens of this country. This will continue to weaken our democracy and lead us closer to a programmed citizenry instead of an informed citizenry which was intended by our founding fathers.

It is more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter than to receive what is approved by the heads of large corporations.

This is truly not a partisan issue but an American issue.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to be reviewed with more scrutiny.

Thank you,

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